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SUBJECT: RETURN OF PRESIDENT SIAD FROM ARAB COUNTRY VISITS

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1. SOMALI PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE RETURNED TO MOGADISCIO ON DEC 3 FOLLOWING A FIVE NATION SWING THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD. THE SOMALI LEADER HELD TALKS IN ADEN, CAIRO, KHARTOUM, JIDDA, AND ABU DHABI. HE ACTUALLY HAD TWO SETS OF TALKS IN CAIRO, RETURNING TO THE EGYPTIAN CAPITAL ON DEC 1 AFTER VISITS TO KHARTOUM AND JIDDA. THE SOMALI NEWS AGENCY REPORTED ONLY THAT SIAD DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA SITUATIONS WITH HIS INTERLOCUTORS. (THERE CONFIDENTIAL

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IS ALSO AN UNCONFIRMED FBIS REPORT THAT SIAD VISITED MUSCAT.)

2. COMMENT: TWO OTHER SOMALI MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATIONS ARE STILL TRAVELLING: VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE WHO IS COMPLETING A TOUR OF MAJOR CAPITALS IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND MINERALS MINISTER HUSSEIN WHO HAS JUST DEPARTED FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. WE SHALL BE PROBING HERE FOR INFO ON SIAD'S TRIP, WHICH WE SUSPECT WILL

UNFORTUNATELY BE TIGHTLY HELD. THE THREE MISSIONS REPRESENT A MAJOR SOMALI DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR THE GOVT'S NEW ANTI-SOVIET ALIGNMENT. THE RESULTS OF THE TRIPS WILL BE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE GOVT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC'S FUTURE STRATEGY.

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